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| SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FIFTH AND SIXTH CLASS CITIES MAY ACQUIRE STOCK IN MUNICIPAL WATER COMPANIES. Assembly Constitutional Amendment 19. Amends Constitution, Article IV, section 31c. | YES | |
| 12 School districts and cities of fifth or sixth class may acquire and hold capital stock of mutual water companies and corporations for purpose of furnishing water for public municipal or school purposes, with rights, powers, privileges, obligations and liabilities of other holders. | NO | |

(For full text of measure, see page 19, Part II)

Argument in Favor of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 19

At the present time the Constitution of the State of California permits cities of the fifth or sixth class to acquire and hold shares of capital stock of any mutual water company or corporation when such stock is acquired or held solely for the purpose of furnishing a supply of water for public or municipal purposes.

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 19 amends this section of the Constitution to allow school districts to also acquire or hold stock in mutual water companies for the sole purpose of furnishing a supply of water for public or school use. A number of school districts in the State of California are in need of this amendment, as they have been greatly handicapped in

the past and put to additional expense because of the fact that they have been unable to acquire or hold mutual water company stock. As indicated, the acquiring and holding of such stock by any school district will be limited to the purpose of furnishing a supply of water for public or school purposes.

This amendment passed both houses of the Legislature unanimously and as far as is known, there is no opposition to it.

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Member of the Assembly, Fiftieth District.

JEANETTE E. DALEY,

Member of the Assembly, Seventy-eighth District.

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| BOARDS OF EQUALIZATION. Senate Constitutional Amendment 18. Amends Constitution, Article XIII, section 9. State Board of Equalization to comprise five members, each elected from one of five equalization districts. Eliminates Controller from Board. Specifies counties comprising each district, permitting Legislature by two-thirds vote to redefine districts. | YES | |
| 13 Member's term four years; those serving when section becomes operative continue for balance of term, Governor appointing member from fifth district to hold until January, 1947. Reenacts, substantially unchanged, present provisions constituting boards of supervisors equalization boards in their respective counties, but without power to alter property valuation assessed by State Board. | NO | |

(For full text of measure, see page 20, Part II)

Argument in Favor of Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 18

This amendment adds efficiency to the Board of Equalization, divides the State into districts, giving southern California additional representation and relieves the Controller as an ex officio member.

The State Board of Equalization was established by the 1879 Constitution. It is composed of five members, four elected, and the Controller as an ex officio member. The duties of the Controller are such that he no longer has time to act on the board without neglecting his own office. An elected member should be provided in his place.

The duties of the board when created were few unimportant. Since its creation many addi-

tional duties have been added. These new duties include the collection of State revenues and corporation taxes, the enforcement of liquor laws and the equalization of assessments between counties. No other department has the responsibilities, nor is any other department confronted with problems such as confront the board. Notwithstanding these additional duties there has been no geographical changes in the districts since the board was first established in 1879. Since then the population and wealth within the State has shifted so that the Los Angeles district contains more than half the population and wealth within the State, and more than 50 per cent of all problems arise within that district. Notwithstanding these facts, three members of the board come from the north and only one from southern Califor-

Fifty-fourth Regular Session commencing on the sixth day of January, 1941, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof, hereby proposes to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of this State by amending Section 25½ of Article IV thereof to read as follows:

(This proposed amendment expressly amends an existing section of the Constitution; therefore, EXISTING PROVISIONS proposed to be DELETED are printed in STRIKE-OUT TYPE; and NEW PROVISIONS proposed to be INSERTED are printed in BLACK-FACED TYPE.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Sec. 25½. The Legislature may provide for the supervision, regulation and conduct, in such manner as it may determine, of wrestling matches or exhibitions and of boxing and sparring matches or exhibitions; provided, that no boxing or sparring match or exhibition shall be of more than 12 rounds in length, such rounds to be of not more than three minutes for each round; **except that championship matches may, if the approval of the State Athletic Commission is first obtained, be 15 rounds in length, such rounds to be of not more than three minutes duration each.** All moneys, except such sum as the Legislature shall appropriate annually to defray the expenses of the State Athletic Commission of California and to pay the salaries of officers and employees as provided by law, received by the State from license fees, taxes or other means, on or in relation to boxing, sparring and wrestling matches or exhibitions, shall be and are hereby appropriated for the purpose of maintaining such homes for the care of veterans of any war of the United States as

may be existing at the time this amendment becomes effective, or that may be established by the laws of this State. Such moneys shall be ~~apportioned~~ **appropriated** as the Legislature of the State of California may direct.

The Legislature in the exercise of the power granted herein may amend, revise, or supplement any part of that certain initiative act approved by the electors November 4, 1924, entitled "An act to authorize boxing and wrestling contests for prizes or purses, or where an admission fee is charged, and limiting such boxing contests to 12 rounds; to create an Athletic Commission empowered to license such contests and the participants therein; to prescribe conditions under which licenses shall be issued and contests held; to declare that amateur boxing contests conducted under Section 412 of the Penal Code shall be subject to the provisions of this measure and under the sole jurisdiction of such commission in all cases wherein an admission fee is charged spectators to witness such amateur boxing contests."

The Legislature shall, however, have no power to take away the effect of the provisions of the initiative act hereinabove cited which allow wrestling and 12-round boxing contests in the State of California. The repeal either in fact or effect of the sections of the above cited act shall rest entirely in the hands of the people of the State of California as heretofore.

No tax shall be levied or collected in respect to any admissions to a boxing contest or wrestling match or exhibition wherein all the proceeds or net earnings of which inure exclusively to the benefit of any post of the American Legion or any other duly recognized organization of veterans of any war of the United States and not to the benefit of any individual member thereof.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FIFTH AND SIXTH CLASS CITIES MAY ACQUIRE STOCK IN MUNICIPAL WATER COMPANIES.

12 Assembly Constitutional Amendment 19. Amends Constitution, Article IV, section 31c. School districts and cities of fifth or sixth class may acquire and hold capital stock of mutual water companies and corporations for purpose of furnishing water for public municipal or school purposes, with rights, powers, privileges, obligations and liabilities of other holders.

YES

NO

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 19—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 31c of Article IV thereof, relating to ownership of stock by school districts.

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California at its Fifty-fourth Regular Session commencing on the

sixth day of January, 1941, two-thirds of the members elected to each of the two houses of the Legislature voting therefor, hereby proposes to the people of the State of California that the Constitution of the State be amended by amending Section 31c of Article IV thereof to read as follows:

(This proposed amendment expressly amends an existing section of the Constitution; therefore, EXISTING PROVISIONS proposed to be DELETED

are printed in STRIKE-OUT TYPE; and NEW PROVISIONS proposed to be INSERTED are printed in BLACK-FACED TYPE.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Sec. 31c. Nothing contained in this Constitution shall preclude any school district or city of the fifth or sixth class from acquiring or holding shares of the capital stock of any mutual water company or corporation when said stock is so acquired or held for the purpose of furnishing a supply of water for

public or municipal or school purposes, or for the use of the inhabitants of the city, and the school district or city, as the case may be, is hereby authorized to acquire and hold such stock, and said holding of such stock shall entitle such holder thereof to all the rights, powers and privileges; and subjects such holder to the obligations and liabilities, as are given or are imposed by law to or upon other holders of stock in the mutual water corporation in which such stock is so held.

13 **BOARDS OF EQUALIZATION. Senate Constitutional Amendment 18.**

Amends Constitution, Article XIII, section 9. State Board of Equalization to comprise five members, each elected from one of five equalization districts. Eliminates Controller from Board. Specifies counties comprising each district, permitting Legislature by two-thirds vote to redefine districts. Member's term four years; those serving when section becomes operative continue for balance of term, Governor appointing member from fifth district to hold until January, 1947. Reenacts, substantially unchanged, present provisions constituting boards of supervisors equalization boards in their respective counties, but without power to alter property valuation assessed by State Board.

YES

NO

Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 18—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of said State by amending Section 9 of Article XIII of said Constitution, relating to State and county boards of equalization.

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California at its Fifty-fourth Regular Session, commencing on the sixth day of January, 1941, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses of said Legislature voting in favor thereof, hereby proposes to the people of the State of California that Section 9 of Article XIII of the Constitution of said State be amended to read as follows:

(This proposed amendment expressly amends an existing section of the Constitution; therefore, EXISTING PROVISIONS proposed to be DELETED are printed in STRIKE-OUT TYPE; and NEW PROVISIONS proposed to be INSERTED are printed in BLACK-FACED TYPE.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Sec. 9. (a) A State Board of Equalization, consisting of one member from each Congressional District of the five equalization districts in this State, as the same existed in eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, as said districts are defined in this section or may be redefined pursuant to this section, shall be elected by the qualified electors of their respective districts, at the general election to be held in the year

one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and at each gubernatorial election thereafter, whose term of office shall be for four years, whose duty it shall be to equalize the valuation of the taxable property in the several counties of the State for the purposes of taxation. The Controller of State shall be ex officio a member of the Board, as hereinafter provided.

(b) The boards of supervisors of the several counties of the State shall constitute boards of equalization for their respective counties, whose duty and it shall be the duty of said boards of equalization to equalize the valuation of the taxable property in the county their respective counties for the purposes of taxation; provided, such State and. The county boards of equalization are hereby authorized and empowered, under such rules of notice as the County Boards may prescribe, as to the county assessments; and under such rules of notice as the State Board may prescribe as to the action of the State Board may be prescribed by law, to increase or lower the entire assessment roll, or any assessment contained therein the valuation of any property contained in the assessment rolls of their respective counties, except property assessed by the State Board of Equalization, so as to equalize the assessment of the property contained in said assessment rolls; and make the assessment conform to the true value in money of the property contained in said roll; provided, that no Board of Equalization shall raise any mortgage, deed of trust, contract, or other obligation by which a debt is secured, money, or notes

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